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SUBJECT: SUBGROUP ON ENERGY, INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT, AND
MINERALS

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE WORK PROGRAM AGREED ON
AT THE END OF THE SUBGROUP'S MEETINGS ON JULY 15:

1) THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE A
LIST OF ITS SPECIFIC INTERESTS IN THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER, PARTICULARLY ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MEDIUM AND
SMALL INDUSTRY, SO THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CAN
DETERMINE IN WHICH WAYS IT CAN FACILITATE THE MAKING
AVAILABLE OF US TECHNOLOGY, SUITABLE FOR THESE SECTORS OF
PRIORITY MEXICAN INTEREST.

2) THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO SEND A DOCUMENT
EXPLAINING AREAS OF INTEREST IN ITS PROGRAM FOR HELPING
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SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZE INDUSTRY. THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT IS DISPOSED TO RECEIVE A VISIT BY MEXICAN
OFFICIALS TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF US AGENCIES
WHOSE FUNCTIONS INCLUDE THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF SMALL
ENTERPRISES.

3) THE US GOVERNMENT INDICATED ITS READINESS TO CONSIDER

AN EXPANSION OF JOINT EFFORTS TO EVALUATE SELECTED

MEXICAN MINERAL RESERVES SUCH AS COAL, COPPER, URANIUM,
AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY.

4) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CURRENT
ANTI-MONOPOLY POLICIES, THE US GOVERNMENT WILL RECEIVE
A MEXICAN DELEGATION TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR EXCHANGING
INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD.

5) THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT TO STUDY
JOINTLY POLICIES FOR IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF ENERGY
USE.

6) THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL SEEK APPROPRIATE MEANS TO
ACCELERATE DISCUSSIONS OF THE PROPOSAL FOR THE EXPORTA-
TION OF NATURAL GAS TO THE US.

7) THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
DEVELOPING A PROGRAM FOR COMPLEMENTARY TRADE OF IRON
AND STEEL PRODUCTS.

8)THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO HAVE INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON COMMODITY MATTERS
UNDER CONSIDERATION IN UNCTAD.

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9) EXPERTS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD MEET TO DISCUSS
HAVING AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING POLLUTION
CONTROL.

10) THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE THEIR CONTACTS
TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT IT MAY BE USEFUL TO HAVE
CONTINUING EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON ENERGY PLANNING, AND
TO HAVE ENERGY DATA EXCHANGE. THEIR REPRESENTATIVES
WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGING EXPERI-
ENCES AND CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY,
COAL BURNING TECHNOLOGY, AND INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY
OF FUEL USE.

11) THE AGENDA OF THE SUBGROUP WILL BE LEFT OPEN SO
THAT SUBJECTS, SUCH AS INVESTMENT, MAY BE CONSIDERED AT
FUTURE MEETINGS EVEN IF THERE HAVE BEEN NO CONTACTS
BETWEEN EXPERTS IN THE INTERIM. VANCE

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